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MARBLE HILL, MISSOURI

Corry was at the Carnegie dinner, all right, but he didn't get more than half his pie.

Intrigue, mystery, love are the signs of a popular novel, but what weary signs they are!

The Chue Foo and several other able lads appear to have settled in the Paterson Canal belt.

A Fitzburg man has just shelled out \$10,000 to a St. Louis girl who wanted to be his "kissin' girl."

"Castro Getting Fat," says a newspaper headline. Castro had better confine his energies to the Atlantic.

When we look at all the trouble Joe Letter gets into, we realize that being a poor young man has its advantages, after all.

Spain is about to close the library founded by Christopher Columbus at Seville. It has just learned that he was an Italian.

A Chicago doctor says that no man should smoke more than three cigars a day. We can almost hear Mark Twain say, "Huh!"

Wonders will never cease. A man actually had the nerve to come into an editor's sanctum and try to sell you some life insurance.

Count Witte says the Russian revolution is a small but determined. From this distance it looks large but indeterminate.

It has cost Boston \$6,500,000 for beans during the past year. It will be a day for Boston when the bean trust gets things covered.

With a knowledge of the facts made public concerning "Fads and Fancies," that book ought to sell as well as a curious revelation of insanity.

Martha Craig, who says she was on earth 2,000 years ago, will probably turn out to be a great agent for a new bloom of youth at \$1 per bottle.

It is a safe guess that the Baltimore editor who says the prettiest girls in America are in his town never was west of the Atlantic in his life.

A woman's club is advocating "lower but better babies." Our own babies could not be better. The improvement is desired on other persons' children.

It is worthy of remark that occasionally there is a man with an income of more than \$100,000 a year who finds it hard to persuade any one.

Manhattan's drink is sure up \$185,500,000 a year, and yet the newspaper barometer still rates about the bubbleheadedness of the Kentucky colts.

Speaking of the way the government's policy has been conducted, Witte says that "to err is human." This looks a good deal like a knock at "divine right."

The biggest pipe dream yet was that of the Michigan student who said the bowl of his pipe was hot enough from smoking to brand the flesh of a fellow student.

Uncle Andy sat between Schwab and Corey at the Carnegie dinner. If they entertained him with anecdotes of their experience he must have had an interesting time.

The Russian grand dukes have probably decided by this time that a "mere strike" may have all the disagreeable consequences of a revolution, with a lot of extras added.

When the traitorous makers and other women folk the president may be surprised to learn how unimportant a figure in the household he really is.

A Frenchman has invented an apparatus that will enable a man to sign checks 1,000 miles away. Great scheme! Our checks are no good if we sign them less than 3,000 miles away.

Reading that the latest returns from Saskatchewan give the government a good working majority, our Russian friends may be excused from remarking playfully, "O, those American names!"

The National Civic Federation learns that immigrants do not settle in the parts of the country that need them. We may remark that we know several natives who refuse to settle wherever they are.

A girl asked me what I thought of the thing that I put in her stocking. "I don't know," I said. "I don't think of anything better than what she already had in it, and then she got mad. Some girls are never satisfied."—Boston Globe.

The world passes, spellbound and enraptured as it hears the marvelous tones of the Herbaria administering her secret. "Be careful, don't step on my dress." How womanly! What dramatic lower and maternalism lie in the simple words!

The question: "Where did you get it?" "I'm caught in a very serious situation," replied the lady. "I don't know where I got it, but I'm sure it's a very serious situation."—Los Angeles Times.

In a New York Herald "Personal," "well known writer seeks acquaintance elderly gentleman who would appreciate ambitious wife." But how many "senior citizens" who would not appreciate an ambitious wife?

Don't let the late Henry E. Weaver would ask no better tribute to his memory than the simple inscription: "He was the boy friend." After all, the man who takes good care of the boys is a service of incalculable value.

How time does fly! Here's Gen. Grant's son, Gen. Grant, greeting his smiling grandchild over from Paris to visit him. And yet the child was still a fresh memory with many of us who are not yet old.

MEMPHIS BANKS CLOSE

Merchants' Trust and Two Smaller Ones Go Into Liquidation

Memphis, Tenn., Three financial institutions failed to open their doors for business Wednesday. The Merchants' Trust Co., with a capital stock of \$200,000, the American Savings Bank and Trust Co., and the Merchants' Savings Bank, smaller institutions allied with the first-named concern, have gone into liquidation.

The following notice was posted on the doors of the Merchants' Trust Co.: "This bank is closed by order of the board of directors and will go into liquidation."

"TILLY T. POPE, President." Another notice reads as follows: "This bank has gone into liquidation. John P. Edmondson has been appointed receiver."

The cause of the suspension of the Merchants' Trust Co. is said to have been over-optimism on discounts. One of the directors said that the three institutions had ample assets and would pay dollar for dollar.

COSSACK IN COMMAND

General Mitshenko, a Leader in Manchuria, Reaches Moscow

St. Petersburg: Lieutenant General Mitshenko, who commanded a Cossack brigade in Manchuria during the Russo-Japanese war, has arrived at Moscow and may have taken over the command of the troops there.

He had a narrow escape from capture by the revolutionists at St. Andrew's Monastery on the outskirts of the city, where the railroad track was blocked by hundreds of freight and passenger cars. The general and two members of his staff managed to get a sleigh and reach Moscow by making a wide detour, but 50 officers returning from Manchuria, who were left behind, were captured and forced to give up their arms. They begged to be allowed to keep the gold awards given them for bravery, but the revolutionists refused their request.

Minor collisions between the troops and strikers, of whom there are about 50,000 still out, are taking place constantly in St. Petersburg. Cossack patrols are charging and dispersing workmen whenever they collect.

The most serious affairs occurred at the Narva gate and on the Moika canal in which 50 persons were killed or wounded. Automatic guns have been mounted on the bridge over the Fontanka canal, from which they can sweep the Nevsky Prospect in either direction and in also can sweep the canal. The battery is enclosed in a collapsible shield in order not to attract too much attention.

NEW YORK SPENT \$720,550.

Statement Read to Investigating Committee.

John C. McCall, secretary of the New York Life Insurance Co., who was returned from Europe, where he went to get an accounting of money advanced to Andrew Hamilton, was the first witness in the insurance investigation Wednesday when the last week of the committee's work was taken up.

Mr. McCall said he asked Hamilton for his check books, but Hamilton refused to give them up, saying that the same related to his own personal business. Mr. McCall did, however, get a statement from Hamilton regarding the expenditures of funds entrusted to him by insurance companies. The statement was produced and put in evidence.

SHAW WILL NOT AID.

He Declines Stringency Exists in Money Market.

Washington: The government will not go to the relief of Wall street by depositing government funds in the national banks. The rate of interest on call loans to 15 per cent has not, in the opinion of the Treasury officials, made it incumbent on them to do anything to reduce the rate.

There may be a slight stringency in commercial lines on account of the year-end settlement, but this will be met by the decision of the Secretary of the Treasury to allow the bankers to encroach to some extent on their 25 per cent reserves.

Rumor Morales Shot.

Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo: It is rumored that President Carlos Morales, who fled from Santo Domingo, the capital, with troops in pursuit, was wounded in the leg Tuesday during an encounter near San Cristobal. The negative of this rumor has been given by the president, who exchanged shots with the pursuers. It is not known whether there were any causal ties.

The navy department has received a cablegram from Commander Chambers of the Nashville, dated at Puerto Plata, stating that he had been informed from a government source that President Morales had been shot and seriously wounded.

COUNTERFEITERS AT WORK.

Bogus \$10 Bills Found by Several Texas Banks.

Dallas, Tex.: It looks as if all North Texas had been down with counterfeit ten-dollar bills during the last week.

These spurious notes first appeared at Denton three days ago. Saturday one Dallas bank reported that it had caught three of them in its transactions with customers.

Detectives have been employed to apprehend the distributors.

Minister Dawson Files for Safety.

San Domingo: Fighting is reported to have occurred ten miles west of this city. American Minister Dawson and other foreigners have left their country seats and have come to town. Governor Perez of Puerto Plata, who refused to relinquish his position, although disarmed, has surrendered peacefully, and his left Puerto Plata.

San Antonio, Tex.: Richard Apple was caught here three months ago from St. Louis, was caught in an elevator Friday morning and probably fatally crushed.

Bandits Elude Posses.

Toledo, O.: The five men who mortally wounded Marshal Thornton are still at large, having broken through the net spread about the thicket and underbrush between here and Perryburg Friday night. Scores of men this morning renewed the man hunt with increased energy, and the news from the bedside of the injured official that he had no chance for life spurred them on.

Slaves of the American Navy through out the world celebrate Christmas.

MISSOURI DOINGS

USURY LAW UPHOLD.

The Supreme Court Declares Statute Constitutional.

Jefferson City: The supreme court upheld the constitutionality of the usury law and remanded the case of the state against Edw. Burger, who was arrested in St. Louis county, charged with exacting an illegal rate of interest.

Burger was arrested by a constable, but was released from custody on a habeas corpus, and his case was never tried. By a decision of the court he must now stand trial.

Edw. Burger was a pawnbroker and was arrested Aug. 22, 1905, in Central township, St. Louis county, on the charge of receiving a greater interest than that allowed by law on the sum of \$100 loaned Frank T. Henry.

Burger sued out a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that the statute making it a criminal offense to take more than 2 per cent a month was not constitutional.

The supreme court holds that the act was constitutional and that the legislature was perfectly competent to determine for itself what amount of usurious interest the taking or receiving of which should constitute a criminal offense. The court remanded Burger to the custody of the constable.

TO MOVE FROM TOOLHOUSE.

A. L. Carter, Columbia Student, Finds Rich Friend.

New York: A. L. Carter, the poor Columbia student, who has been living in a student's toolhouse ever since he came to New York, will hereafter be housed comfortably.

Mr. Carter is a graduate of the University of Missouri. To perfect his education he came to New York. The position of night librarian at Columbia University, which pays him \$30 a month, was his only financial resource.

In C. E. Anderson, a rich real-estate dealer of No. 54 West Sixty-eighth St., who read how Carter had been compelled by the lack of money to establish his quarters in the toolhouse, offered the young student room and board in one of his bachelor apartments at No. 23 West Sixtieth street, free of charge.

When found engrafted in his duties in the university library the young man hesitated, but after no small amount of persuasion he said that he would accept.

LODGE MAY EXPEL MEMBER.

Supreme Court Upholds Action of St. Louis Orders.

Jefferson City, Mo.: It was held by the supreme court that after a man had a fair trial in a fraternal order and the order found from the facts that the person was a detriment to the order, then the person could be expelled for the good of the order or society.

This was held in the case of Francis Matusek vs. the Roman Catholic Union of St. Joseph and the Bohemian Central Union, both fraternal orders. Matusek was ousted from the society and from the Catholic Union on complaints of members of the order after he had received a trial by the lodge.

He brought mandamus proceedings against the orders, asking to be reinstated. The lower court ruled against him and the decision was sustained by the supreme court.

POST OFFICE BURNS IN TROY.

Russell Building Also Destroyed in Early Morning Blaze.

Troy, Mo.: Fire destroyed the Post Office and the Russell buildings at 5 o'clock Friday morning.

The Post Office building was owned by Editor Childers of the Free Press. The second story was occupied by Doctor Woolfolk, who lost his dental instruments and laboratory apparatus.

Attorney B. J. Cress occupied the second story of the Russell building, and he lost his library and furniture. The buildings were partly covered by insurance.

Postmaster McKay will open the Post Office temporarily in use Colbert building.

FOLK'S CHRISTMAS PARDON.

Sets Free Wife Slayer with 42 Years to Serve.

Jefferson City, Mo.: William Hunter, 56 years old, sentenced from Dane County, in 1897 for killing his wife, was released from the penitentiary Friday morning, his sentence having been commuted by Gov. Folk.

Hunter entered a plea of guilty on the advice of his attorney, but has always contended that he did not intend to kill his wife. He said a revolver he held in his hand was accidentally discharged.

He had served about eight years of a sentence of 50 years.

Editor in Flight at Rolla.

Rolla, Mo.: Ex-Senator H. H. Hohenschel was severely chastised on the streets of Rolla at noon Friday by Charles L. Woods, editor of the Rolla Herald-Democrat. A large crowd saw the affair. Senator Hohenschel for some time has been engaged in a fight against the management of the School of Mines at Rolla. Woods claimed that Hohenschel sought to overthrow the management of the school for the main purpose of securing the removal of Woods from his position as secretary of the Executive Committee.

Ten Buildings Destroyed.

Kennett, Mo.: Fire Friday destroyed ten buildings in this city, causing a loss of more than \$20,000, one-half covered by insurance.

The two-story brick furniture and undertaking stores of Lentz & Co. were burned at a loss of \$12,000, with \$4,000 insurance.

Other buildings burned were the residences of Mrs. Hattie Gossett, Doctor Rigdon, Doctor Harrison and two dwellings belonging to Mrs. Lentz.

Auto Burns in Barn Fire.

SHORT NEWS STORIES

Missouri Pacific cuts grain rate in Gulf ports.

Grain rates kept at Shanghai by armed guards.

Railroads object to rate reductions made by Illinois.

A general strike is declared throughout Russia.

London philanthropist gives \$500,000 to Salvation Army.

Roosevelt agrees to allow Congress to investigate canal affairs.

Government report, giving acreage and production of 1905 crops, issued.

General Pleasant Porter predicts great influx of home-seekers in Indian Territory.

Governor Hoch of Kansas declares prohibition is working great good in Shawnee State.

Cause Bureau reports \$232,000 bales gleaned; Ginners' Association hovers \$133,001.

George Lynch, St. Louis painter, shoots and kills W. H. Seibert at his door at Galesburg, Ill.

Two men are killed and one mortally wounded in riot on running train near Wayne City, Ill.

District Attorney Johnson of Indian Territory refuses to dismiss cases under orders from Moody.

Congressman Landis of Indiana in maiden speech denounces insurance methods in settling claims.

John H. Wahl, resident of the National Bank of Chicago, probably will retain control of railroads.

Fireman is killed and several employees are believed to have lost their lives in a Chicago factory fire.

Fears are entertained by Chicago University friends of Frederick Starr he has been slain by cannibals.

Congressman Lorimer of Illinois introduces bill asking \$10,000,000 for deep waterway from Chicago to the Gulf.

A man wounded in Chicago professes to have knowledge of the Goble murder which will clear Caleb Powers.

Baron Komura tries in vain to negotiate a treaty with Chinese; hinted Russia is encouraging Chinese opposition.

The revolutionists of a Livonia gold border; women of St. Petersburg declare themselves eager for civil war.

Pratt, Kan.: The Klingman county jury acquitted Mrs. Rosa Null of the charge of poisoning her husband last August.

The right of universal suffrage in Russia is denied; Government is belittled by the strength displayed by the strikers.

Depositors of the three suspended financial institutions of Chicago will not lose; the clearing house guarantees the payments.

President Taylor, National Ginners' Association, says Government has cost country millions of dollars by manipulation of cotton figures.

Senator Bailey enters complaint; protest against failure of Senate to act in case of Senator Burton, who was twice convicted of fraud.

Secretary Bonaparte is informed he cannot dismiss cadets from Annapolis Naval Academy before they are convicted at court-martial.

The supreme court holds that full power to grant and to revoke dramshop licenses in St. Louis is vested in the Excise Commissioner.

Mrs. W. Ellis Crowe is said to have abandoned idea of divorce upon promise of her husband to make her million dollar Christmas present.

President of Washington Life Insurance Company denies that Thomas F. Ryan ever sold it securities or advised it what securities to buy.

Juggling of figures of the Mutual Life Insurance Company is exposed at the Legislative Insurance Investigating Committee's hearing in New York.

Pittsburg telephone company arranges to furnish its subscribers with lectures and grand opera music over their telephones by means of a new invention.

TROOPS HUNT MORALES

Battle Fought Ten Miles From Santo Domingo's Capital.

Santo Domingo: Following the announcement Tuesday that the president of the republic, Gen. Carlos F. Morales, had left the capital for an unknown destination, troops were sent in pursuit of the chief magistrate.

What took place after that cannot be definitely determined, but it is known that a fight occurred about 10 miles from here, and it is reported that Gen. Pimentel, the rebel commander, was attacked by government troops.

The whereabouts of the fugitive president is not known. It is supposed that he endeavored to reach the coast and board a sloop with the object of reaching Puerto Plata, on the north coast of Santo Domingo, and there join Gov. Perez, who has been dismissed by the government from the post of governor of Puerto Plata, but who refuses to surrender his authority.

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PRESENT FOR ALICE.

Oregon Plans to Raise \$800,000 by Subscriptions.

Baker City, Ore.: A move to create by popular subscription a wedding present for Miss Alice Roosevelt, who is to be married to Congressman Nicholas Longworth in February, has been started by citizens of the eastern part of Oregon. It is the plan of the organizers to have subscription lists started in each state of the Union, the money secured to be transmitted to the treasurer of the secretary of the treasury at Washington.

The subscriptions will close on Feb. 3 so as to enable the present, which, it is believed, will be about \$800,000, to be turned over to Miss Roosevelt on the day of the wedding. Individual subscriptions will be limited to 10 cents.

STAKEHOLDER MISSING.

Prominent Gotham Restaurateur Disappears With Beta.

New York: With between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in election bets placed in his hands as stakeholder, Max Elmer, a restaurateur keeper at 264 Grand street, and an influential politician of Florence Sullivan's district, has disappeared. Beta is payable and creditors fairly alarmed his restaurant and frightened the diners by their demands for money.

Everyone in his district believed Elmer to have a fortune. It is said, however, that he disposed of the wagered money early in November and that he had only a few dollars when he went away. Mrs. Elmer and Robert Gold, manager of the eating house, have been carrying on the business, hoping that Elmer would return. Now they believe he is dead.

THREATEN DEATH.

Letters From Member of the "Black Hand" Demand Cash.

Syracuse, N. Y.: Charles M. Crouse, one of the wealthiest men in Syracuse and a multi-millionaire, has received two strange letters from some person who pretends to be a member of the Black Hand, threatening to blow up Mr. Crouse's house if he did not place \$2,400 in cash in a cigar box on the curb in front of his residence, to be called for in the night. The letters have been turned over to the police.

The second letter said that dynamite would be used on Mr. Crouse's house and that an attempt would be made on the lives of his family if he did not produce the money.

THIRTY MILES OF LAVA.

Samoan Volcano Threatens Huts of Natives.

San Francisco: According to the passengers who arrived on the steamer Tanager from the island of Savaii in the Samoan group, it is still in vigorous activity.

The glare from the crater at night is visible, it is said, as many miles away and the lava has covered an area of fifty square miles. This molten flow has filled eleven miles of a deep valley and is heading for the sea shore. Natives whose homes are near the beach are preparing to abandon their huts and coconut groves at short notice.

Dispatch Relief Ships.

Paris: The cruiser Cassini and Admiral Aube, which are now at Brest, have been ordered made ready to start for Russia to protect and, if necessary, embark any French citizens at that place who may be in danger.

Shoots Himself in Mouth.

Admiral, L. T.: A. M. Fawcett, a merchant at Davis, ended his life at that place by shooting himself in the mouth with a revolver. The cause is not known, as it is claimed that he was in good health and his business in excellent financial condition.

"Boots" Not Badly Hurt.

Los Angeles, Cal.: A letter from Walter Scott, the cowboy miser, who was reported murdered in Death Valley some days ago, was received by his friends in this city Monday, stating that Scott had been shot, but was not seriously hurt.

Missouri Giant Slain.

Columbia, Mo.: A stone no larger than a walnut, thrown by Henry Jones, an 18-year-old boy, caused the almost instant death of Mitchell Shadrick, a farmhand known as the Boone county giant.

Guests Escape Hotel Fire.

Uniontown, Pa.: Fire early Tuesday practically ruined the interior and contents of the Exchange Hotel, one of the leading hostleries in this city. Guests numbering 150 were forced to flee to the streets in their night clothes.

Louis McGarvey Dead.

Philadelphia, Pa.: Louis N. McGarvey, a well-known newspaper man and writer, died Tuesday at his home, in Harbort, near here, of pneumonia. He was 59 years of age.

Letter Arrives at Kansas City.

PREVENTS JAIL DELIVERY.

Sherriff's Wife Guards Door After Yegman Escapes.

Macon, Mo.: The coolness and prompt action of Mrs. Yegman, the sheriff's wife, prevented a wholesale jail delivery here Monday afternoon.

There were ten men inside, three of whom were under sentence to the penitentiary. The sheriff was at the depot, intending to take a north-bound train.

It was John Flinn, a yeoman, sentenced Saturday to three years in the penitentiary. He had repeatedly said he would kill the sheriff and that he would never go to prison. Flinn and his pals pried open the door to the main corridor with an iron bar. Flinn slipped through.

Mrs. Yegman was warned and hastened to the opening. The door was ajar and nothing stood between the prisoners and liberty but an unarmed woman.

The boys will walk back into your cells now," she said, coolly.

They didn't say any more, but supposed as a matter of course that she had one. They went back and the door was fastened and double-locked the second time. At the time there was not a man in the house to help her.

EVA BOOTH ROBBED.

Loose Ring Worn by Sister Killed in Railway Wreck.

New York: It was learned Tuesday that Commander Mrs. Booth, of the Salvation Army, had her chastelaine bag cut from her wrist during a crush at a subway station. While there was considerable memoranda and papers of value to her and several dollars in the bag, her greatest loss was the wedding ring which her father gave to her mother many years ago and which, at her mother's death, was handed down to her sister, Mrs. Booth Tucker, who was killed about two years ago in a railroad wreck.

"The ring," said Mrs. Booth, "was found on my sister's finger after her death and it had been present and bent in the wreck. I have prized it greatly on account of its sad, sweet association. If the person who stole my purse would only return the ring—no matter how I would gladly give its value many times in order to again possess it."

WANTS PLAY RETURNED.

Cousin of Ex-President Cleveland Demands Manuscript.

New York: Miss Lucy Cleveland, a cousin of ex-President Grover Cleveland, has asked Mrs. Sarah Bernhardt to return to her the manuscript of a play she says she placed in her hands five years ago, and has threatened, if the manuscript is not forthcoming shortly, to take legal measures to recover it.

Miss Cleveland has published several books of poems and has lectured on "Egyptology." When Mrs. Bernhardt was in America on her last tour, she took the manuscript of the play. Miss Cleveland met her and confided to her that she had a play in preparation. Mrs. Bernhardt, being anxious to present a drama written by an American, offered to read it with that end in view, Miss Cleveland says.

SLAPS MARSHAL.

Mississippi Youth Pays Heavy Penalty for Family.

Meridian, Miss.: Robert Wells, a member of a prominent family at Union, Newton county, was shot and killed late Tuesday afternoon by City Marshal Dan Cleveland. The killing occurred in a barn and there was only one eye witness.

It is stated that Wells was with a party of friends when he was informed that the city marshal was looking for him. Wells remarked that he, in turn, would seek the marshal. He found him in a stable. Blapping him on the back, Wells inquired if he was wanted. It is alleged that the marshal replied: "Yes, I am looking for you," and shot him to death.

HOLDS CITY AT BAY.

Three Slain, Many Wounded, in Paducah Race Riot.

Paducah, Ky.: Surrounded in a railway tower by an infuriated mob armed with rocks, shotguns, rifles and other weapons, and the target for a rain of bullets from rooftops, windows and doors in the vicinity, John Tice, a one-legged negro seaman, was finally shot through the breast Tuesday, ending one of the worst race riots in the city's history.

JAPS NAME AMBASSADOR.

Viscount Sinoe Aoki is Appointed